

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 29, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Scott Schneider

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 622, 2006 - approves a transfer and appropriation of \$5,550,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Consolidated County and Fire General Funds) for tax warrant interest and fleet fuel and maintenance charges to ensure a positive fund balance

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 623, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$300,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (County General Fund) to pay for uniform and badges purchased for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 624, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$160,000 within the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Police General Fund), to pay interest on tax warrants

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 625, 2006 - transfers and appropriates \$1,100,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Consolidated County Fund), to pay fuel and maintenance costs for the balance of 2006

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 626, 2006 - approves an increase of \$28,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to address the staffing issues in the Juvenile Detention Center, to fund the Truancy Prevention Program, Educational Neglect Summit and conference-related travel reimbursements, and to fund the purchase of additional equipment and software, financed by grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the Indiana Department of Education

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PROPOSAL NO. 627, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$2,500 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to purchase video tapes associated with an instructional video for use in family law pro se cases, original funding provided by the Indianapolis Bar Foundation

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, November 29, 2006. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 622, 2006 - approves a transfer and appropriation of \$5,550,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Consolidated County and Fire General Funds) for tax warrant interest and fleet fuel and maintenance charges to ensure a positive fund balance

Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Office of Finance and Management, explained all the portions of the proposal beginning with Section 03. He said the proposal shows an increase and appropriations out of the Fire General Fund in Character 3 to pay interest on tax warrants that were taken out of the Fire General Fund this year. Mr. Seidenstein said the budget needs to be increased because, when the 2006 original budget was prepared, the line item for interest was appropriated in the Consolidated County Fund rather than the Fire General Fund. He went on to explain that there is an increase in Character 05 of \$350,000 to cover fuel and maintenance charges with the fire department in the Consolidated County Fund. Mr. Seidenstein stated that there is a reduction found in the Fire General Fund in Character 01 of \$5 million. He said they are essentially transferring \$5 million of appropriations out of the Fire General Fund to the Consolidated County Fund. Mr. Seidenstein explained that this transfer was part of the plan when putting the 2007 budget together, and if they do not transfer these monies, the Fire General fund balance will be overdrawn by \$5 million. Mr. Seidenstein explained the next reduction of \$80,000 in the Consolidated County Fund, which is related to the tax warrant interest that has been budgeted in the wrong fund. He said the \$80,000 will be moved into the Fire General Fund, in addition to the funds to pay utilities, which will equal the \$200,000 increase in the Fire General Fund previously explained.

Councillor McWhirter asked if \$5,270,000 is coming out of the Consolidated County Fund balance. Mr. Seidenstein replied in the affirmative and said that a transfer between Characters of \$80,000 will be added to that to equal the \$5,350,000 to fund the increase in Characters 01 and 05 in the Consolidated County Fund.

Mr. Seidenstein said a technical amendment is needed to show the increase to the Fire General Fund balance in the amount of \$4,800,000 in Section 3. He said this amendment will assist in putting the figures in line to equal the increases and decreases.

Councillor Bowes asked for clarification on the total amount of reductions. Mr. Seidenstein clarified that all the reductions cannot be added together because they are in different funds. Councillor Bowes asked why a change is needed in one unencumbered

balance to another unencumbered balance. Mr. Seidenstein said if the Fire General Fund balance is not increased, that fund will be negative at the end of the year.

Councillor McWhirter asked for clarification on the \$5,550,000 increase. Mr. Seidenstein said \$5,350,000 will be appropriated out of the Consolidated County Fund and \$200,000 out of the Fire General Fund for a total of \$5,500,000 that will be appropriated.

Councillor Bowes asked if \$4,800,000 is being appropriated. Mr. Seidenstein replied in the negative and said there will be an increase of \$4,800,000 in the Fire General Fund balance as a result of the reduction in the appropriations from the Fire General Fund.

Councillor Schneider asked if this is all transferred money and not new money. Mr. Seidenstein said there will be a net zero change in the budget.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to "Amend" Section 3 to add "Unappropriated and Unencumbered Fire General Fund" with a total increase of \$4,800,000. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 622, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 623, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$300,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (County General Fund) to pay for uniform and badges purchased for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD)

Major Ronald Chappell, Marion County Sheriff's Department (MCSO), said the MCSO will have money left over at the end of the year that has been used to pay for some uniforms for the IMPD. Major Chappell distributed a handout that indicates what MCSO has purchased (Exhibit A, attached). Major Chappell said that the items found in Exhibit A will equip all their officers going to IMPD. Major Chappell said that some of the money that was needed was taken out of the fuel budget, and \$300,000 will be appropriated for uniforms and badges.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for clarification on \$300,000 being taken from the fuel budget. Major Chappell said the money is part of the 2006 budget that will be used to make up the \$685,000 for items already purchased. He said the \$300,000 being appropriated is found in Character 02 of the budget.

Kim Diller, Office of Finance and Management, clarified that an agency is able to spend the total amount in a Character on the various sub-objects within the Character, without coming before the Council. She said the money was taken from fuel to pay for uniforms

and badges within the same Character, which reduced the amount available in their Character 02.

Councillor Schneider asked if they anticipate coming before the Council again for additional money for fuel. Major Chappell replied in the negative and said with the \$300,000 that is anticipated, they will have enough to pay for fuel.

Councillor Bowes asked if this proposal relates to Proposal No. 625, 2006. Mr. Seidenstein replied in the negative and said Proposal No. 625, 2006 relates to the Indianapolis Police Department's (IPD) budget.

Councillor Brown asked if the total cost of uniforms and badges are found in Exhibit A. Doug King, Chief Financial Officer for IMPD, replied in the negative and said the \$685,000 found in Exhibit A is just a portion of the cost spent out of MCSD. Councillor Brown asked what the total cost is. Mr. King said a million dollars has already been spent in transition cost. Ms. Diller said savings will occur in 2007 and beyond; the initial transition expenses will accrue before January 1, 2007. Ms. Diller said she will provide the committee with the total cost of uniforms for IMPD.

Councillor Franklin said IPD uniforms were not replaced; therefore, about 400 uniforms will be purchased for county officers.

Councillor Brown asked if IPD officers will need to purchase IMPD badges, etc. with personal funds. Major Chappell replied in the negative and said badges have already been purchased for both departments. Councillor Brown asked if they will still have their quarter master system. Major Chappell replied in the negative and said they still have 960 employees, of which 640 are in uniforms. He said the system is still budgeted in the MCSD 2007 budget.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for clarification that the \$300,000 is coming from the County General Fund to be appropriated into Character 02 of the MCSD's budget. Ms. Diller replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 623, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 624 and 625, 2006 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 624, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$160,000 within the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Police General Fund), to pay interest on tax warrants

Mr. King said money is being transferred between Characters 03 and 04 to pay for tax warrant costs. He said the money will also be used to pay for transition cost. Mr. King said this is being done due to a surplus in Character 04.

PROPOSAL NO. 625, 2006 - transfers and appropriates \$1,100,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Consolidated County Fund), to pay fuel and maintenance costs for the balance of 2006

Mr. King said this proposal will increase Character 05 to \$1,100,000. He said \$355,000 of this amount will be transferred from Character 04 surplus and the remaining \$745,000 will be transferred from the Consolidated County Fund.

Councillor Oliver asked what portion of the \$1,100,000 is related to the total fuel budget. Mr. Seidenstein said that he does not know the exact fuel budget; however, this is the first increase for IPD.

Councillor Franklin asked if this money is for IPD or IMPD. Mr. King said the money is for IPD only, for fuel they will use to the end of this year.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal Nos. 624 and 625, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

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Sue Patterson, Director of Finances for the Court Services Agency, read and explained Proposal No. 626, 2006 per Exhibit B (attached). She said the money will be used to hire a consultant who will review the center's staffing patterns and programming and make recommendations.

Councillor Franklin asked for clarification on \$20,000 being used for a consultant. Ms. Patterson said the consultant was brought in from the federal government to run the Washington D.C. Juvenile Detention Center that was under federal mandate, and this will

be a one-year contract that will include others.

Ms. Patterson stated that \$2,000 of this proposal will be used for travel expenses and \$6,000 will be used for additional equipment and software.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 626, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

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Ms. Patterson read and explained Proposal No. 627, 2006 per Exhibit B (attached). She said early this year, a \$10,000 grant was received to provide pro se video to assist those filing cases without an attorney. Ms. Patterson said it is important that people in this situation know what motions and other items need to be filed. She said this video will provide assistance in getting people through the system faster.

Councillor Bowes said there are many people who need help with a lawyer or cannot afford one. He said he applauds these efforts.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 627, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Prior to adjournment Mr. Seidenstein clarified his answer by stating there will be a net increase to the overall Fire Department budget of \$470,000 as a result of this proposal.

[Clerk's note: see the attachment that was sent via email to all committee members by Terri Falker, CFO for Public Safety on 12/7/06, to help clarify the funding included in Proposal No. 622, 2006]

Councillor Bowes asked if there is going to be an increase in taxes. Mr. Seidenstein said the total transaction was contemplated during the 2007 budget, and there is no impact on tax rate or levy because that has already been decided.

Councillor Schneider asked what money is being taken out of the General Fund. Mr. Seidenstein said most of the \$470,000 increase is contributed to the portion of the proposal dealing with the fuel and maintenance cost for the Fire Department this year.

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CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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